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Baseball camps bring Major Leaguers and local kids together

by Greg Eichelberger

It isn't often that a member of the Detroit Tigers can take time to help an El Cajon youngster with his batting stance, or a highly-touted minor league pitching prospect, like Tom Fordham, can show a Lakeside 10-year-old how to throw a curve ball, but at the 14th annual East County Baseball Camp, held last week at El Capitan High School, all of these things, and more, took place.

Detroit's Tony Clark is surrounded by local youngsters at the 13th annual East County Baseball Camp held at El Capitan High School last week. *Photo by Greg Eichelberger*

Conducted under the watchful eye of Vaquero varsity coach, Steve Vickery, who, along with Brian Graham, a Granite Hills and UCLA grad and current manager of the Indians AAA farm club in Buffalo, this three-day clinic brought several major leaguers together with some top area high school coaches to teach a multitude of local youth, ages 6 - 18, the fundamentals of baseball.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to provide these kids some top-flight instruction from the best of the best," said Vickery, whose El Cap teams have made it to the CIF finals for the past two years. "It's also a boost to their self-esteem to see a big league ballplayer taking time to talk and help them individually."

One of these big leaguers is Tony Clark, a graduate from Christian High School who just completed his rookie season with the Tigers. He is in his third year of helping in this clinic. "I've know Steve Vickery for awhile, and I was living in the East County, so when a spot came open at this camp, I jumped at the chance to participate," he said.

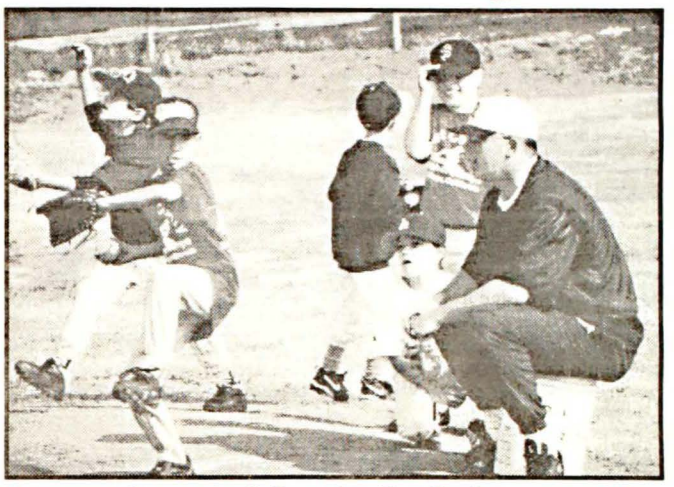
Clark also went on to explain that above anything else, it was important to him to come back and give something to his hometown area, and that the look on the kids' faces when they get an autograph or some helpful advice is worth its weight in gold. It made him feel good inside, he said.

He also looks forward to playing in San Diego one day, and with the advent of inter-league play, feels that may become a reality sooner than later. Clark, along with Cleveland's Brian Giles, ran the batting station, one of six instruction areas presided over by a professional player or a high school coach.

Other drills included infield and outfield practice, catching, throwing and two pitching sites, one of which was presided over by Fordham.

The White Sox prospect, who lives in El Cajon and once pitched five shutouts in one season for the Grossmont Junior College baseball team, was just as eager as his fellow player, Clark, to assist the young men and women who came out.

"You never know who will be a potential college or Major League player in groups like these," he said. "That's why it's such a thrill to give them the finer points of our training, so, hopefully, they can use it in their experiences and pass it on to someone else someday."



Grossmont Community College alum Tom Fordham, now a Chicago White Sox top minor league prospect, checks out the delivery of a local boy at last week's clinic. *Photo by Greg Eichelberger*

One mother in attendance said, "This is our third year of being involved with this camp," said the owner of her own day care center in Lakeside. "We just love it and Shaun has a great time getting autographs and help from these star players. It's wonderful."

Later in the day, Dodger first baseman, Eric Karros, dropped by, but was unable to instruct as he had done in the past. There will be two more such clinics, the first runs from Jan. 18 - 20, and the second, from Feb. 14 - 16. For more information, contact Vickery at 443-1081.

Commentary *Sports confusion*

by Marv Rosen

Pro sports' spectators are amazed at the outrageous salaries being paid, often to mediocre players, who, in the days of limited number of teams, would have been relegated to the "minors."

Yet, too many fans demand that their team's owners get top players, no matter what the cost, and often get quite angry if a particular owner tries to maintain some semblance of sanity on salaries. Exclude those owners who look at their franchises as playthings, and want a winner, no matter the cost or the effect on the game as a whole and the relatively high prices for tickets.

In youth sports, far to many parents look on participation as a babysitter. Others, while taking an avid part in their kids participation, demand winning teams and that their children be played more, no matter their talent level.

Fortunately, we also have the parents who are realistic about it all, knowing that the whole purpose of their children's participation in sports is for them to have fun, get some good exercise and provide an outlet for their abundance of excess energy. They also let the coaches do their jobs, as best they can, and take personal pride in whatever accomplishments their children can achieve.

Maybe it is too much to hope for, but, perhaps, someday, sanity will return to the professionals and even more parents will become more realistic about what youth sports are all about.

Grossmont begins conference play with with five new players as starters

by Joe Naiman

The Grossmont College men's basketball team, which has already posted more wins than it did last year, includes two starting freshmen from East County. Guard Jason Cavazos, who played at El Capitan last year, and point guard Rene Ragaas, who was at Valhalla last season, are two of the team's five starters.

A 75-65 victory over Victor Valley College Dec. 29 gave the team a 7-7 record, as well as third place in the Mesa Invitational tournament. Grossmont starts conference play Jan. 8 at San Diego City College.

The 1995-96 Grossmont team finished with a 4-20 overall record and a 1-11 Pacific Coast Conference mark. Griffins coach Rick Wilkerson attributes the improvement to better players. "I've got a good group of freshmen who are really playing well," he said. "The kids are working hard and playing together. They're executing their stuff."

Despite the ability of the Griffins to play together, none of the starters played for Grossmont last year. Cavazos and Ragaas are joined by freshmen Danny English (East Rockford, Ill.) and Brandon Aguirre (Mission Bay High School) and transfer David Kaplansky.

The three newcomers to the East County do most of the scoring. English is averaging nearly 30 points per game. Aguirre is averaging nearly 20 points per game. Kaplansky, who attended Hollister High School in Northern California and played for Mesa College last year, is the team's top three-point shooter and has a scoring average in double figures.

Cavazos can score when he's called upon to do so. In the Griffins' only loss in the Mesa Invitational tournament, a 96-91 game against Southwestern, Cavazos had 11 first-half points. Normally Cavazos averages about eight points a game, but Grossmont coach Rick Wilkerson isn't concerned about stats for Cavazos.

"He just does a lot of other things," Wilkerson noted. "He does whatever it takes, whatever we need to fill the job. Ragaas also accrues more impressive assist statistics than points figures. Wilkerson appreciates the players' concern for the team over individual awe.

The players are very unselfish, the coach said of his entire team, adding that they're fun to work with and he is having a good time.

Even the Griffins' loss in the Mesa Invitational tournament gave Wilkerson and Griffins fans cause to be optimistic.

Grossmont had rallied from a 17-point deficit to tie the game with just over a minute left and had the chance to take the lead before a possession arrow gave the ball to Southwestern.

Wilkerson commented that he was very pleased that the team was able to come back against them and make it a situation where it was anybody's ball game at the end.

As far as the coach is concerned, last year was the team's rebuilding year, even if this year's team has only four sophomores on the entire roster. Wilkerson expects a team closer to his 1994-95 squad, which finished second in Pacific Coast Conference play with an 8-4 league mark, than the last-place team he had last year.

The players are really coming together, he noted. This is really a great group of players. Very unselfish, they play hard. They play as a team. As far as lacking sophomore leadership, it's not really affecting us that much.

This doesn't necessarily mean that experience playing together as a team doesn't help. "Next year when they're sophomores they'll be even better," noted Wilkerson.

CYT winter classes start

Christian Youth Theater (CYT) will offer a winter term of after-school theater arts classes. The 10-week term begins starting on Monday. Registrations are accepted at the first class day and up through the third week of classes or may be mailed to CYT, 1545 Pioneer way, El Cajon.

Classes are held after school from 4-6 p.m. for 10 weeks. Tuition is $95 for Our Gang students (age 6-7) and $110 fro students ages 8-18. Financial assistance is available. Registration by phone can be done by calling 588-0206.

East County students may enroll for classes at the First United Methodist Church (corner of Palm and Lemon) in La Mesa on Tuesday or Wednesday. Students must be registered for classes in order to audition. Registrations will be accepted at the auditions.

Classes are taught by professional teachers and experienced performers dedicated to building confidence and self-esteem in students. During the 10-week term, a fully staged musical production is produced in each area, presenting 10-12 performances for school groups and public audiences. All currently enrolled students ages 8-18 may audition for the musical, which is presented near the end of the term in rented theater facilities, giving students an authentic theatrical experience. Parental involvement is encouraged and an important part of the success of the children's productions.

In East County, "Jungle Book" is scheduled to be performed in February and March.

CYT is a non-profit, educational arts organization and does not discriminate on the basis of race or religion. It is San Diego's largest community theater company producing its 16th season of outdoor musical theater. A non-profit educational corporation operating since 1980, CCT is an after-school theater arts program for children 6-18. CCT also manages Theatre East, East County's Performing Arts Center located in El Cajon. For information call 588-0206.

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Incorporated: **1977**
Area: **3.75 sq. mi.**
Median income: **$34,399**

Mayor: **Mary Teresa Sessom**
Council: **Thomas Clabby**
Craig Lake
Dwight Shelley
Jeff Jandura
City Manager: **Doug Yount**
Planning Director: **Jim Butler**
City Attorney: **Gloria McLean**
City Clerk: **Christine Taub**
Sheriff's Capt.: **Yolanda Collins**
Fire Chief: **Dale Chamberlain**
Congressional district:
52nd - Duncan Hunter
State Senate district:
40th - Steve Peace
State Assembly district:
77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisorial district:
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1993 taxable sales: **$1.47 million**

Libraries:	1
Post offices:	1
Parks	4
Recreation centers	1

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Dec. 3, 1996
7600 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. $34 value.
7100 blk. Mt. Vernon. Commercial burglary. $260 value.
Dec. 4, 1996
7800 blk. Alton Dr. Residential burglary. $1,450 value.
2100 blk. Washington St. Strong-arm robbery. Value unknown.
Dec. 4-5, 1996
8200 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. $25 value.
Dec. 5, 1996
1700 blk. Primera St. Auto theft. $1,000 value.
Dec. 5-6, 1996
3200 blk. Vista Ave. Grand theft. $600 value.
Dec. 6-7, 1996
3600 blk. Sweetwater Way. Residential burglary. $10 value.
Dec. 7, 1996
3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Auto theft. $14,000 value.
Dec. 7-8, 1996
1800 blk. Denstone Pl. Petty theft. $200 value.
Dec. 7-11, 1996
11700 blk. Avenida Marcell. Petty theft. $350 value.
Dec. 8, 1996
8100 blk. Palm St. Auto theft. $1,000 value.
8900 blk. Spring Pl. Strong-arm robbery. $1,950 value.
Dec. 9, 1996
7100 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. $7,600 value.
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Dec. 12-16, 1996
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Dec. 14, 1996
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Dec. 14-16, 1996
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Dec. 15-17, 1996
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Former Helix grid star returns as Holiday Bowl coach

by Greg Eichelberger

Karl Dorrell, a two-time All-Grossmont League wide receiver at Helix High School, and record-setter for the UCLA Bruins from 1982-86, came back to San Diego last week, not to do battle on the field, but to lead others into the fray.

As the offensive coordinator and receiver coach for the 8th-ranked Colorado Buffalos, Dorrell was in town again to participate in the 19th annual Holiday Bowl game pitting his squad against the Washington Huskies, the number 13 team in the nation.

"It's nice to be back," he said after his team managed to overcome an early 14-0 deficit and win, 33-21. "The fans here in San Diego are fantastic, and this bowl game is one of the best there is."

Awash in victory, Dorrell distributed the praise with the same grace and style he exhibited so often during his playing days, crediting head coach Rick Neuheisel's offensive schemes and QB Koy Detmer's MVP statistics (25-45, 371 yards, 3 TDs).

"Rick made the right calls, and when I sent in a play, he usually agreed with me," he said. "And what can I say about Koy's performance out there tonight. He really came into his own."

Dorrell's last comment was a reference to the Colorado senior's years of living in his older brother's shadow. Ty Detmer was a two-time Holiday Bowl MVP (1989-90) quarterback for the Brigham Young Cougars, became the school's first Heismann Trophy Award winner (a feat Jim McMahon, Steve Young or Robbie Bosco could not achieve), and was a starter for the Philadelphia Eagles this past season.

"Koy's got one up on him, though," added Dorrell. "He's won a Holiday Bowl, while Ty hasn't." It's true, while the older sibling has set many records for his school, he still couldn't pull off the win, managing two losses and a tie in his three bowl appearances.

And after the first quarter, Detmer the Younger began shredding the Huskies' secondary with such accuracy, that Dorrell seldom went back to the run.

And a good thing, too, since all the Buffs could muster was a paltry 43 yards on the ground, being stopped time and again by a Washington defensive front that, for a while, at least, pushed the higher-ranked team up and down the field with ease.

"We never gave up after being down (by two touchdowns)," said Colorado linebacker, Matt Russell, who gave an inspirational halftime talk to his mates. "But it was slipping away from us, and we knew we had to come up with something big."

That something, ironically, had nothing to do with CU's explosive offensive ability, but rather a spectacular defensive play by DE Nick Ziegler, who deflected a Brock Huard pass, caught it on the dead run at the Washington 31, and scampered in, untouched, to the end zone, punctuating his effort with a bizarre, sideways dive over the goal line.

"That was something, wasn't it?" exclaimed Dorrell. "And I had absolutely nothing to do with it."

The coach, however, had his own glory days as a Highlander and a Bruin, even helping UCLA win the 1984 Rose Bowl over the University of Illinois, with two TD receptions (thrown, strangely enough, by his current boss, Neuheisel).

This is Dorrell's second stint at Colorado. Before that, he coached at Arizona State, Northern Arizona, UCLA (where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business) and Central Florida.

He also did some work with the Denver Broncos of the AFC Western Division in 1993.

Four players that Dorrell has coached have also gone on to play in the National Football League, including Mike Farr, Charles Johnson, Michael Wesbrook and Shawn Jefferson, who was a WR on the Chargers' 1994-95 Super Bowl team.

Colorado's Karl Dorrell, a former Helix High star, helped coach the Buffalos to a 33-21 Holiday Bowl victory over Washington.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Sports Beat
with Greg Eichelberger

Forgive me, folks, but this week's column will be devoted mostly to the sport of football, because, as you know, that's where the current news is.

To begin with, the fact that the Chargers have suffered through a .500 year is nothing new. Anyone who remembers the team in the early - mid-1970s or the mid - late-1980s can relate to this season. In fact, compared to some of those 2-12 and 4-10 years, this year was a great success. However, Bobby Ross, for better or worse, still brought an air of respectability to the team, not to mention their only Super Bowl appearance (never mind the score of that game). Now Ross has resigned. He said it was because of "philosophical differences" with General Manager Bobby Beathard, but how many times have we heard that reason before? The sad truth is, Ross quit because he didn't want to let go of his coaching staff, defensive coordinator Dave Adolph and offensive guru Ralph Friedgen, in particular. I can't help thinking that Ross could have gone to the wall over something more important than these two. Adolph's outmoded defenses have paved the opposition's way to the Chargers' end zone easier than the 805 on Christmas morning, while Friedgen's offense is as predictable as Jackie Chan starring in a bad film. So, as the tight-lipped, and frankly successful, Ross departs for St. Louis, Atlanta, or wherever, let's wish him well, and let's hope Beathard can bring another quality skipper to this now-rudderless group of bolts in time for next season.

Still on the gridiron subject, now that the bowls are completed and the polls are in, it looks like the second-best scenario has occurred – to me, at least. I was hoping Arizona State would claim the national crown, but they faltered in the last minute against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl (using one of Dave Adolph's defensive schemes, no doubt), and fell 20-17 to drop out of the running. Not only would this have been the school's first title, but it would have also given me an East County connection to pursue, as ASU's former QB (who led them to a win in the Rose Bowl in 1987) was none other than La Mesa's own Jeff Van Raaphorst. The Grossmont High grad is now doing color commentary for his old team, and was, no doubt, bitterly disappointed with the setback. This loss, however, opened the door for the two Sunshine State squads to duke it out in the Sugar Bowl, and as I had hoped, Florida crushed Florida State, 52-20 to claim its first national championship. Good. I've hated the Seminoles ever since 1994 when, even though they lost to Notre Dame during the regular season, they were still giving the title over the Irish at year's end. Okay.

Now a few local notes to close this week out. First of all, congratulations to Alfred Enriquez, a 6'4" senior forward for the West Hills cagers, chosen as one of the *UT*'s Athletes of the Week. He broke his schools' rebounding record with a 22-grab performance last week against Morse while scoring 41. In the next game, versus Castle Park, he pumped in 44 more. I hate having to find out about things through the (semi) *Daily Californian*, but it sometimes occurs.

The sign-ups for the Lakeside Pony and Bobby Sox leagues will be taking place on Jan. 9, 11 and 12 (Pony's), and Jan. 14, 21, 25 and Feb. 1 for the Bobby Sox. You'd think that after our extensive coverage of the Bobby Sox year-end tournament last season, they would have had the courtesy to inform us. But, since we're not one to hold grudges, we'll pass on the information to you. Call the Pony's at 443-7722 for details on times and places, and, likewise, 561-9426 for the Sox.

That's all for this week. If you have sports news I can use, just drop me a line at 390-7103 and we'll make room for it. Until then have a great sports week.

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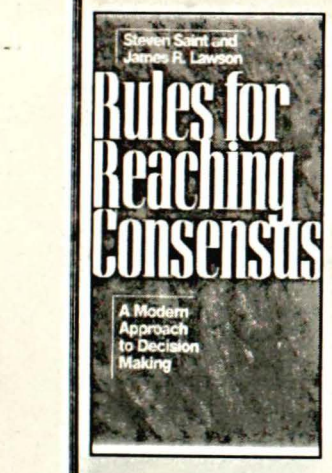

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